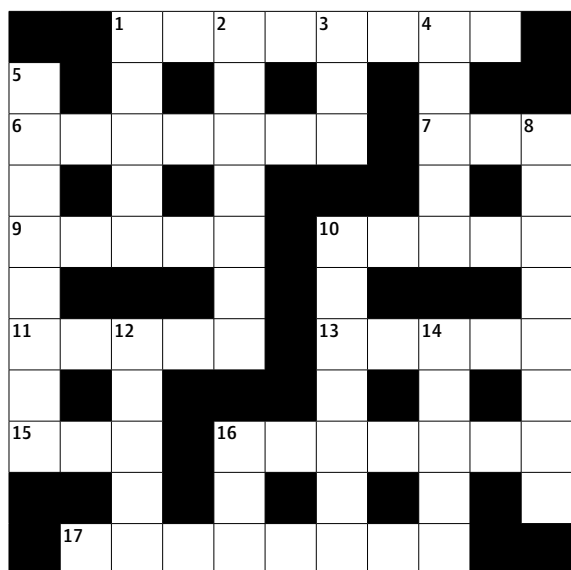


Guardian quick cryptic crossword

No 112 set by Ludwig



Across

- 1 Demoniacs mostly spooked joker (8)
- 6 Reckless alteration of side door, wanting entrance (2-2-3)
- 7 Bounder, at the beginning, cuts a dash (3)
- 9 Song that will introduce praiseful and eulogistic, adulatory notes? (5)
- 10 Primarily as good as I needed once more (5)
- 11 Flipping chambermaid nimbly conceals a state (5)
- 13 Milieu lacking energy, broken bone (5)
- 15 Refusal in Scotland: starters of neeps aren't edible (3)
- 16 With end missing, tenon saw in need of repair? Easy (2,5)
- 17 Bloomer in auditorium: played tuned percussion as if it were a flute (8)

- 1 Witch holding back some misshapen orchids (5)
- 2 Pop icon: crazy about 'er, you say? (7)
- 3 We're hearing moisture expected (3)
- 4 Making comeback (in some measure): Marc Casado, somewhere in Ghana (5)
- 5 Taking on piano; told learner must go, sadly (8)
- 8 Explosive announcement of the power of a café customer? (8)
- 10 Sound of a sneeze is under discussion (2,5)
- 12 Live down workplace embarrassment - lewd licentiousness for starters (5)
- 14 Looking back, part of formula edifies: perfect (5)
- 16 Once known as Greene? Not entirely taken aback (3)

The clue for 13ac was changed at 0728 on 23 May 2026.

TODAY'S TRICKS Clues begin or end with a definition of the answer. The rest is one of these:
Soundalike Something that sounds like answer
 'Excited, Oscar's announced (4)' gives WILD
Acrostic First letters of answer
 'Initially get a good joke (3)' gives GAG
Hidden reversal Answer defined and hidden backwards
 'Insect returns in Vietnam (3)' gives ANT
Anagram minus Remove one letter, jumble the rest
 'Crazy Thor runs off, steaming (3)' gives HOT

Down

Solution no 112

